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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER OF APPROVAL
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF)	
NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR REVISION)	
OF TARIFF N.J.B.P.U. NO. 4 TO DELETE)	
OBSOLETE SERVICES AND PROVIDE)	
CERTAIN TARIFF CLARIFICATIONS)	DOCKET NO. TT00060415

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On June 16, 2000, United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. (Petitioner or UNJ) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) to delete certain obsolete services, reclassify 64.0 kbps data from the High Capacity Service category to the Digital Data Service category to be consistent with the company's interstate tariff and, to make other non rate affecting tariff clarifications regarding 800 services, customer ordering, and cancellation.

The obsolete services proposed for deletion have no existing customers, no foreseeable market and have already been removed from Petitioner's interstate tariff. The deleted services include Telegraph Grade and Wideband Data Services, and the transfer arrangement optional feature used in conjunction with Voice Grade and Digital Data Services and Interface Groups 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10. These groups are used to define the different types of data transmission (two wire, four wire, DSL the number, etc.). These services no longer meet customer needs. This filing also proposes the deletion of provisions that are no longer applicable, such as provisions regarding primary and secondary exchange carriers and electromechanical end offices.

In addition, this filing modifies tariff language to correct and clarify the provision of access services. Jurisdictional report revisions are included to more accurately describe the calculations made, the frequency with which these reports are provided, and also to

clarify how projected interstate percentages which are used to determine interstate vs. intrastate access billing are to be provided by the customer. These changes do not represent new methods, but merely clarify existing procedures. These provisions mirror Sprint's interstate tariff provisions.

Access ordering provisions are being updated in order to benefit customers. The number of days by which customers may change access order service dates is being increased from 30 days to 120 days. Additionally, the requirement for written notification of the cancellation of an access order is being deleted. United will accept the customer's verbal notice of cancellation.

Also included in this filing is the reclassification of the 64.0 kbps data speed from High Capacity Service to a Digital Data Service. This change is made to be consistent with the Company's classification in the interstate tariff. This filing also proposes to replace the 64.0 kbps Individual Case Basis (ICB) rates with those rates currently in effect for the Digital Data 56.0 kbps speed. The costs associated with 56.0 kbps and 64.0 kbps speeds are the same. There are no customers subscribed to the 64 kbps speed on an ICB basis. This change, therefore, has no impact on customers.

The tariff clarifications proposed also change references to toll free services, from 800 to Toll Free code, to reflect the fact that codes other than 800 are now used to provide toll free services.

Since no rates will be changed, no existing customer will be affected by removing the obsolete services and the tariff clarifications serve only to improve tariff usefulness and customer flexibility. Therefore, the proposal has no adverse affect on Petitioner's ability to provide safe, adequate, or proper service.

The Board therefore, FINDS that Petitioner's request should be granted and HEREBY APPROVES Petitioner's request.

DATED: 11/22/02

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